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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The document listed on the enclosed form FB-A820 have come to the attention of applicants and are submitted to the Office under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. A copy of the listed document is enclosed. The enclosed article, entitled Seven Years Development and Application of the Sliding Rail System (Monorail) for PCTCA, is believed to have been published in a book entitled The Practice of Interventional Cardiology, Second Edition, which was published in 1993. At page 122 of the article, it is indicated that the use of the monorail balloon catheter system was performed from 1985 to 1988 at the University Medical Clinic of Friburg (Germany) and since April 1988 at the Fulda General Hospital (Germany). On page 123 of the article, it is indicated that from early 1990, Palmaz-Schatz stents were implanted in sixty-four patients. Also on page 123 it is indicated that a monorail Piccolina catheter in connection with a Palmaz-Schatz coronary stent was used. It is also indicated that with a few patients, a monorail Speedy balloon was used. While the attached article was published in 1993, and does not appear to be prior art on its face, and it appears that the work was done in Germany, the reference is being submitted to the Office for consideration.

Applicant's believe that this Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) and therefore, no fee is due. However, if a fee is in due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2425. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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